

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - HELD ON:
MONDAY 17TH JANUARY 2017**

Item		
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES	
	In attendance	Apologies
	G. Smith	R. Craig
	R. Freel	S. Irons
	Cllrs Campbell, Cooper and Dorman	S. Montgomery
		N. Foote
	8 members of the public were in attendance along with two police constables from Police Scotland. Constables Steven Belcher and Jonny Amos. Chairman G. Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2	PREVIOUS MINUTES	Action
	The Minutes were distributed and agreed by those present.	
3	POLICE REPORT	Action
	<p>Constable Belcher presented the police report. From the last meeting in November there were 190 reported incidents. From these reported incidents 34 crimes were reported and 22 had been detected. The crimes included common assaults, domestic incidents, theft of a motor vehicle, theft from a garden shed, speeding in Patrickholm Avenue and low level anti social behaviour.</p> <p>It was reported that there had been a number of incidents in the new Barrett estate involving youths throwing snowballs at resident's houses, looking in people's windows and breaking into half built units. The incidents had been reported. Residents were urged to report incidents to police and to log calls and the police were urged to identify the area as a "hot spot" requiring increased attention.</p> <p>A member of the public reported that a trailer had been stolen from a garage in Sidehead Road however this was not included in the report possible due to it being very recent and not in the statistics when run by the officers. The public were urged by police to report anyone acting suspiciously in their area. There were reports of youths racing cars between the roundabout at the entrance to the village and the Esso garage particularly on a Saturday night. There was a similar problem in Udstonmill Road. The chair thanked the police for their report.</p>	
4	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	Action
	Cllr Cooper had discussed the problems around fallen headstones with officials in SLC. The Council will take steps to turn over fallen stones so that they are face up. They will also look to improve the foundations of new stones and they have drawn up a list of approved stone masons to carry out work in the cemetery. Cllr Cooper had also had discussions with building control over the burnt out building in the village but this was still the subject of a legal dispute between the owner and the insurance company, so there was little that the Council could do in the short term.	
5	CORRESPONDENCE	Action
5	A list of all correspondence had been circulated. It was agreed that the CC would take a Full page advert in the Gala programme at a cost of £65.00.	

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6	SOUTH LANARKSIRE COUNCIL	Action
6.1	<p>ROADS</p> <p>Cllr Cooper reported on the list of road repairs that had been submitted to SLC by the CC.</p> <p>The response with comments had just been sent today to the CC and would be reported on at the next meeting. Secretary will review prior to this</p> <p>SLC was looking to spend more money in rural roads in the next financial year. She also reported that the wall at Udston farm built by C. Smith's house was outside the line of the boundary and the Council had requested the owner to rectify this. Cllr Cooper will also undertake to raise the issue of cat's eyes on the bypass and the extension of white lines from the main road into Kane Place at her next meeting with roads.</p>	<p>Sect</p> <p>Cllr Cooper</p>
6.2	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>There were two applications which required to be discussed: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one for twelve holiday homes at Brankston House and • One for four houses at East Mains stables. <p>It was pointed out that there was a right of way issue with regard to the Brankston House development. The right of way went through the property.</p> <p>The Chair indicated that as both applications were in land designated as green belt and was also contrary to the local plan the CC would object to both applications if those present agreed with this approach. This was agreed.</p> <p>A further development subject of a previous application in the previous year was discussed. The CC had previously opposed this application as it was made in a disaggregated fashion and was out with the local plan. The location of this development was confirmed as being the railway land behind the bungalow at the roundabout would be demolished to provide an access road to 60 houses which would be built on that land. Cllr Cooper stated there was no decision on this development from SLC planning committee as it was still under discussion in relation to the Section 75 agreement.</p> <p>It was agreed that the elected members would seek further information from the planning department to clarify the position in relation to this development.</p> <p>Cllr Campbell re-emphasised the requirement of 5 objections to force the application to go to committee decision.</p>	<p>Sect.</p> <p>Elected Mbrs</p>
6.3	<p>Any other SLC Issues --None raised</p>	
6.4	<p>SLLC Issues --None Raised.</p>	
7	HEALTH MATTERS	Action
	<p>R. Craig had raised the issue of Child Clinic being removed to Larkhall at the Hamilton Locality Health and Social Care Forum. The Community Empowerment Bill which had been approved by the Scottish Parliament would, in the future, make decisions on local health and other matters subject to local community consultation. The guidelines supporting the Bill were expected to be issued in the near future. Cllr Cooper stated that she was receiving a number of complaints regarding hospital waiting times and post operation follow up times. It was agreed that the CC would raise a freedom of information question to ascertain the position in South Lanarkshire.</p>	<p>Sect</p>

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8	UTILITIES	Action
8.1,23	No issues raised under Water, Electricity or Gas.	
8.4	<p>Broadband The issue of broadband speeds in the village dropping down at particular times was raised. It was felt that the issue lay with the BT backbone rather than the individual exchanges and that the problem was wider than Stonehouse. It was agreed to try and find the extent of the problem via Facebook and then raise the matter with the MSP and BT. Cllr Campbell agreed to raise the matter with SLC and provide details of contact.</p>	Sect
9	TRANSPORT	Action
	No issues raised.	
10	REPORTS	Action
11	<p>11.1 Elected Member Reports Cllr Cooper reported that the outdoor fitness equipment for the park had been purchased and would be installed when the weather allowed. She had also secured 30 mature decorative trees which would be planted in various points in the village. It was agreed to seek views on appropriate areas VIA Facebook.</p> <p>11.2 Treasurer The bank balance currently stood at £2895.84 (Gala group advert approved refer to 5 above)</p>	
12	AOCB	Action
12.1	<p>The Chair indicated that the next meeting of the Banks Wind farm Group would be held on 24th January at the lifestyles hall. It was also reported that a newspaper paper article had revealed that the police office in the village was up for sale, whilst the community council were asked about the use of this building no one from Police Scotland had come back to indicate that it was going up for sale.</p>	
12.2	The new heating system in the church was being installed.	
12.3	It was agreed that the date for the proposed hustings meeting ahead of the local council elections would be Friday 7 th April.	
12.4	<p>Dovesdale The Chair reported on some Facebook items relating to Dovesdale and stated that no proposal had come before the CC and when it did it would be considered and discussed at a public meeting in the same way as the CC deals with all planning applications. John Young stated that there had been discussions with MSPs and with SLC officials with regard to an incinerator at Dovesdale and that he was putting together a group to keep this matter under review. An FOI requested by J Young confirmed that these had taken place.</p>	
13	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	The next meeting will be held at Lifestyles on Monday 20 th February 2017 at 7.30pm	